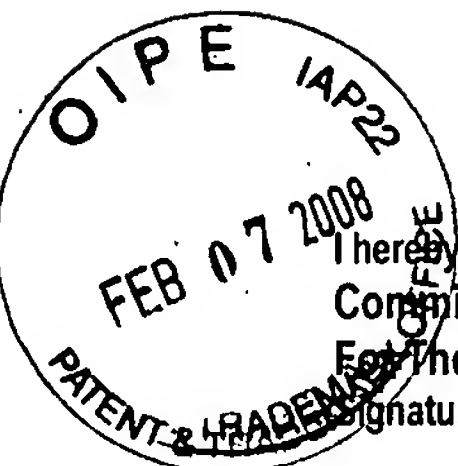


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Given the length of time which has elapsed from the filing date without receiving an
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